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As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "**THERMAL MANAGEMENT OF FAST CHARGING HIGH CAPACITY BATTERIES,**" the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the patentability and examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 (a).

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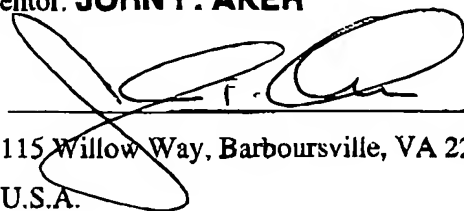
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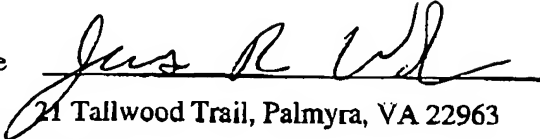
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